

Appl. No. 10/629,006
Amendment Dated January 28, 2005
Response to Restriction Requirement of December 28, 2004

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REMARKS

This Response and Preliminary Amendment is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on December 28, 2004. Applicants elect Species I including at least claims 1-3, 5-7, 12-16, 22, 23, 25, 27-30, 34, 45-47, 85-88, and newly added claim 99. This election is without traverse.

The Examiner has designated claim 1 as generic to all of the claims. Furthermore, Applicants respectfully assert that the following claims associated with Species I are also generic to all of the species identified by the Examiner: claims 2, 3, 25-27, 31-34, 45-47, and 85-88. The features claimed in these additional generic claims are clearly applicable to all of the species, as is evidenced by the figures themselves, the associated statements in the detailed description section of the application, and in the structure, *i.e.*, the dependencies, of the claims as filed. In other words, Applicants have clearly intended that these claimed features apply to all of the embodiments. As such, Applicants respectfully reserve the right to have the claims readable on the non-elected species considered in this application should any of the generic claims be allowed.

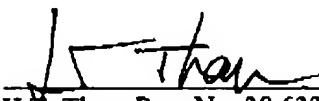
Applicants have added new claim 99 which depends from claim 1 and is readable on the elected species. Applicants have also amended claim 83 to correct an obvious typographical error. As no new matter is believed to be introduced, Applicants respectfully requests entry of new claim 99 and the amendment to claim 83.

In light of the preceding, Applicants believe that the presently pending elected claims are in condition for allowance, early notice of which would be greatly appreciated. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney of record if he believes that such a call would materially advance the prosecution and eventual allowance of the present application.

Applicants believe that no fees are due in connection with the submission of this Response and Preliminary Amendment. If any fee is due, the Commissioner may charge appropriate fees to H.T. Than Law Group, Deposit Account No. 50-1980.

Respectfully submitted,

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